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As we approach the close of 2009, I am pleased to share with you my final Foundation update for the year. Looking back over this year, we experienced a very challenging first quarter as the economic crisis continued its downward spiral. The economic downturn subsided during the second quarter and began to show signs of improvement as we concluded the quarter. The recovery began to gain momentum during the third quarter and continues to show improvement. I am pleased to indicate that SCSU Foundation investments are up over 10% for the year in spite of very turbulent and volatile first and second quarters. Over half of last year's losses have been restored and the recovery continues. Throughout the first three quarters, Foundation investments were very conservatively skewed toward low risk (fixed income & cash). As the markets improved during the back half of 2009, we began to reallocate investments for a more balanced portfolio mix. Although the economy is strengthening, it remains difficult to assess whether normalization has fully returned. We expect some volatility to continue through the first quarter of 2010 when we should have a much clearer picture of the economy and market stability.

Thank you for sustaining your support during these difficult economic conditions. By now, you should have received your annual fund envelope, and I encourage each of you, at the highest level of exhortation to sup-

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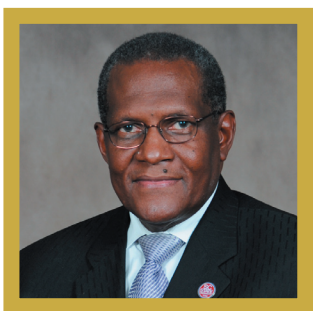
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Dr. George E. Cooper

## Address of SC State University President Dr. George E. Cooper to the S.C. General Assembly January 8, 2010

Ladies and gentlemen and distinguished members of the General Assembly: Thank you for the opportunity to address you today. As we begin a new decade, I'd like to review South Carolina State University's vision and mission, and share the blueprint we have developed for the future outgrowth of our 2006-2011 strategic plan.

Founded in 1896 as a land-grant institution, this University has an obligation to effectively execute the land-grant mission (Academic Infrastructure, Research and Extension/Outreach). That mission is a covenant with the public. SC State is a public institution, and therefore exists to meet the needs of the public.

SC State meets the public's needs in multiple ways. For example, it offers:

- The only undergraduate degree program in nuclear engineering in South Carolina and at a historically black college/university;
  - The only Master of Science degree in transportation and the only Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in agribusiness in South Carolina; and
  - The only Doctor of Education degree in the state with a concentration in educational administration.
- All these are unique to SC State. We are:
- The lead institution for the South Carolina Minority Participation Alliance, a consortium of 12 colleges and universities that support programs in science, technology, engineering and math;
  - The lead University in providing math and science textbooks for the country of Zanzibar in East Africa; and
  - A member of the South Carolina Minority Teacher Recruitment Partnership as well as the education program for non-traditional students.

While my examples are limited, I recognize that SC State has other excellent and relevant programs managed under Academic Affairs, Research, Institutional Advancement, Student Affairs and Athletics. Currently, 87 percent of our students come from South Carolina, and the remainder are from across the United States and 21 foreign countries. Our campus is home to the most diverse faculty of any South Carolina public university, with 80 percent holding doctoral terminal degrees. SC State's nearly 30,000 alumni include eight college presidents, thousands of minority officers in the U.S. Army, and not surprisingly, several members of the South Carolina General Assembly. One of our alums is the Majority Whip in the U.S. House of Representatives and serves our state and nation well in Washington, DC.

SC State has a proud athletic tradition as well, having produced more than 100 professional athletes. The Bulldog football team under Coach Buddy Pough has won two consecutive MEAC championships and captured the 2009 Sports Black College National SBN Championship. Under the leadership of Coach Judge, our men's and women's tennis teams are also reigning MEAC conference champions. We have other coaches who uphold a winning tradition and provide excellent guidance to our student athletes.

As proud as we are of these accomplishments, on and off the field, we must continue to focus on the future. While our mission has not changed, the context in which we pursue it is dramatically different than that of our founding in 1896. The 21st century has catapulted us into the information and telecommunications age. Technology reigns. It is projected that this age will demand focus on the biological sciences, medicine, and recognition that we are part of a fully integrated global economy. The Commission on Higher Education (CHE), in its draft of "Transform SC," is proposing several focus areas to lead funding priorities for colleges and universities, including technology, sciences, health sciences, teacher education and business. Information sites for this are [www.newcarolina.org](http://www.newcarolina.org) and the March 2009 Report "Leveraging Higher Education for a Stronger Carolina: Action Plan Implementation: Goal 3 – Objectives of Recommendations" (p. 41-42).

For the full General Assembly Address, visit the SC State website: [www.scsu.edu](http://www.scsu.edu)

## SC State Graduates Are Challenged to Enrich Perspectives and Change Lives During Fall 2009 Commencement Ceremony

by Ashley Elliott

"I have three simple questions for you this morning that may help you enrich your perspective," said Dr. John S. Wilson, Jr., executive director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's). Wilson delivered the keynote address during SC State University's Fall Commencement Ceremony, held on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009, at the Smith-Hammond-Middleton (SHM) Memorial Center.

"If you can find a way to change your perspective, you can gain a brand new brilliance, insightfulness and a new energetic intelligence," exclaimed Wilson to the 364 SC State graduates.

At the beginning of his message, Wilson told the graduating class that they must continue to excel once they leave SC State. He then asked three simple, yet important questions regarding enriching their perspective.

"The first question I have for you is, are you rich?" asked Wilson. "You are not poor, but if you think you are, you will never be rich, and I'm not talking about just money," exclaimed Wilson. "You can be so distracted with what you think you don't have that you miss the opportunity to be rich in knowledge, rich in ambition and rich in perspective and money as well," he continued.

Wilson's challenge for the graduates to inspire them to do great things upon leaving SC State led to his second question. "Are you ambitious and are you going to be a great person that makes a profound difference?" he asked. "You came to SC State so that you might leave here better educated and trained so that you can help solve some of life's profound mysteries. Are you aspiring to change the world, or are you just selfishly improving your place in the world?" asked Wilson.

His third and final question regarding perspective was, "Are you beautiful?" "Beauty is not what you look like. It's what you do, it's

what you achieve, and it's what you try to fix and heal in this world," explained Wilson. "You need to know it's up to you to be beautiful; beauty is a decision," he added. Wilson also noted that having the right values, ethics and goals makes you beautiful.

As he concluded his message, Wilson left the graduates with a final question and challenge. "Are you true?" he asked. "SC State has over 30,000 alumni, but only 10 percent give back," noted Wilson regarding financial contributions given to the University. "I challenge you to be true. Be the class that makes a difference," concluded Wilson.

SC State graduate and St. George, S.C. native Tinisha Moore said she greatly enjoyed Wilson's message. "Dr. Wilson's speech was very interesting," said Moore. "I really enjoyed his three keys to life, and I'm looking forward to getting the book, 'The Beautiful Ones Are Not Yet Born,' that he spoke about," she continued.

In 2006, Moore obtained her bachelor's degree in speech pathology and audiology from SC State. After taking a year off, she decided to return to obtain her master's degree in the same area of study.

"SC State University is an outstanding institution. I learned a lot while I was here and gained a lot of valuable experience," said Moore. "SC State has a very strong Speech Pathology and Audiology Program, which has prepared me for my career," she continued. Moore currently serves as a speech language therapist at Sheridan

Elementary School in Orangeburg, S.C.

Reflecting on her journey at SC State, Moore would agree that her most challenging experience was one that many graduate students are all too familiar with. "The most challenging experience I was faced with was working two full time jobs while obtaining my master's degree," said Moore. "As I look back, though, I can really say it was all worth it."



Dr. John S. Wilson, Jr. challenges graduates during the Fall 2009 Commencement Ceremony.



## "Modern and Chic" SC State's Hodge Hall Expansion Will Soon Lend a New Look to the SC State Campus

by Tameka Kenan

"Quality is the signature of a true craftsman." These are the words that line the interior of the construction trailer which sits amidst what will soon be the site of the Hodge Hall Expansion, housing the Department of Biology and Physical Sciences. The building, which is adjacent to the K.W. Green Student Center and directly beside the current Hodge Hall, is well on its way to completion, thanks to Randolph and Son Builders, Inc. and the project team. While construction is on track, the quality will not be compromised.

An aluminum canopy that will extend over the front entrance of Hodge Hall Expansion will be completed in January. A concrete and brick patio housed at the front entrance, along with a brick exterior, accent the new building. Although some detail work must still be done, James Dickinson, project manager for Randolph and Son Builders, Inc., concurs with the University's idea to utilize a brick exterior. "Brick adds a certain air of quality and class," says Dickinson.

The standing seam roof is another element of the timeless quality incorporated into Stubbs Muldrow Herin Architect's excellent design. This roof, which requires next to no maintenance, will not crack, shrink, erode or perforate, and comes in a variety of styles and sizes to achieve an array of visual effects. "This is the best roof that you can have," according to Dickinson. The aesthetically pleasing exterior is not all that will fascinate alumni, prospective students and others.

Step inside Hodge Hall Expansion to find elevators, surrounded by architectural pre-cast walls and columns throughout the lobbies. The monumental staircase will be complete by the end of next month. This staircase wraps around the elevators on the first and second floor, overlooking the student lobby and open atrium, and includes mahogany handrails and tile steps. The offices, easily indicated by the single-hung windows, are located on the south wing of the three-story building and are ready for ceiling tiles and carpet installation. According to Dickinson, general casework such as desks and cabinets will be placed in these offices within the next two weeks.

While faculty will admire these chic offices that wrap the perimeter of the south wing with a kitchenette, private bathroom and conference room on each floor, students will be mesmerized with the state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories. The computer room, for example, has a raised floor to accommodate the electrical wiring underneath. The main corridor on all three floors has an exposed ceiling, showing some duct work and electrical gadgets. There are two large tiered classrooms, with a capacity of 80 students, to be used as lecture classrooms. A series of terraces with a row of built-in tables will be for the students, while a demo table on an elevated 6-inch hardwood floor will be specifically for

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At SC State University, we continue to build upon our legacy of excellence. SC State University leads the way in producing graduates who will become leaders in a global society. SC State University has produced 14 generals and thousands of army officers through its ROTC program. Among America's Best Colleges, listed by *US News and World Report*, SC State University is home of the 2009 MEAC Football Champions. The men and women's Tennis teams also claimed the 2009 MEAC Championship. Our unique programs and services offered in three colleges pave the way for excellence in nuclear engineering, agribusiness, nursing, and education. Join SC State University, where establishing excellence is our "New State of Mind."



## Creating Alternative Energy: From Vegetable Oil to Biodiesel Fuel

### SC State Faculty and Student Create Biodiesel Fuel for the First Time

by Ashley Elliott

History was recently made on the campus of SC State University as faculty members and junior nuclear engineer student, Latavis Belton, created biodiesel fuel for the first time.

Belton along with Dr. Musa Danjai, associate professor of nuclear engineering and laboratory director for Energy Studies, Dr. Kenneth Okafor, associate professor of Nuclear Engineering and Dr. Legunchim Emmanwori, assistant professor of Civil and Mechanical Engineering Technology created nine gallons of biodiesel, a clean burning alternative fuel that can be used directly in any diesel engine without modification.

Biodiesel is simple to use, biodegradable, nontoxic and free of sulfur and aromatics. It can also be used as a heating fuel in domestic and commercial boilers.

"I was very excited once we produced the biodiesel fuel," said Danjai. "This has been a long-standing initiative of the University and to have assisted in this endeavor is an incredible feeling," he continued.

Dr. Kenneth Lewis, dean of the College of Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technology at SC State was instrumental in obtaining two grants, one from the U.S. Department of Defense in the amount of \$263,000 and the other from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$197,000 to conduct extensive research in the area of alternative energy and to purchase two Raven 24 Gallon Biodiesel Processors, which produce the fuel.

SC State's James E. Clyburn University Transportation Center also joined in research efforts of creating biodiesel fuel, which assists with meeting the future critical needs of transportation.

"SC State will not be left behind in the area of Energy Studies research. This is one of several projects that we are continuously working on to ensure our involvement," said Lewis.

Although few ingredients were used to produce the

biodiesel fuel, which is powerful enough to operate many cars, large trucks and heavy commercial machinery to include airplanes and tractors, Danjai says the production process was very tedious and time consuming.

"Once the vegetable oil was poured into the processor, it was heated to a particular temperature. Once heated, a portion of the oil used was taken from the processor to create a chemical process called titration, which helps determine how much potassium hydroxide should be used as a catalyst," said Danjai.

"Then methanol, also known as methyl alcohol, and potassium hydroxide, were thoroughly mixed together in another reservoir on the processor then added to the heated vegetable oil. The three ingredients are mixed together to create a chemical reaction that produces biodiesel fuel," continued Danjai.

Once the mixing is complete, the processor is turned off and the mixture sits for 8 to 10 hours, which allows the substances to continue to blend, thus creating biodiesel fuel.

Belton, who is from Winnsboro, S.C., was fascinated by the extensive process.

"Working on the biodiesel project was a wonderful opportunity as it allowed me to experience, first hand, the production of alternative fuel on our campus. This has shown me that I, along with other students, will have limitless educational and career opportunities while at SC State and after graduation," exclaimed Belton.

In early October, faculty members successfully tested the fuel in a small 6-HP diesel engine.

"The long-term objective of the project is to be able to produce commercial quantities of biodiesel for use on campus from waste vegetable oils from the University cafeteria and local restaurants," concluded Danjai.

SC State's Laboratory for Energy Studies is also working on other alternative energy projects to include solar energy initiatives, nuclear direct conversion, the production of hydrogen fuel cells and the production of hydrogen evolution from switchgrass.



(l to r) Dr. Musa Danjai and Dr. Kenneth Okafor, associate professor of Nuclear Engineering, drain waste water and glycerin, by-products of biodiesel fuel production.



SC State engineering faculty and student create biodiesel fuel.

## The Savannah River Site Environmental Sciences Field Station

### Receives \$125, 000 Grant to Protect Natural Resources

by Antia Dawkins

The Savannah River Site Environmental Sciences Field Station (SRESFS) was recently awarded a \$125,000 grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)/ United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The funds were awarded for the federal fiscal year from Oct. 1, 2009-Sept. 30, 2010.

This grant will allow the SRESFS to increase its capacity to train students in natural resources. The grant will also provide program and technical support to the SRESFS located in Aiken, S.C., preparing students for careers in the environmental sciences field upon graduation. SC State University students, as well as student participants at the SRESFS member institutions, will be able to enroll in courses that have disappeared from many of our campuses, such as soil science and agronomy. These courses are vital for preparing students to solve soil-related problems.

"The SRESFS offers the integrated, multi-disciplinary approach necessary to solve society's resource problems. With training from the SRESFS, students will be prepared to use and protect our natural resources wisely. We need professionals who understand those resources and the social systems that govern their uses," said Prof. Denise Grant, director of the SRESFS.

The Environmental Sciences Field Station (ESFS) concept was originally proposed in 1995 by Dr. Ambrose O. Anoruo, a science professor at SC State. The program was funded by the U.S.

Department of Agriculture (USDA) through the 1890 Institutions Capacity Building Grant. The ESFS also awarded funding through the Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Center of Excellence (COE) in the USDA.

Since its formation in 1996, the SRESFS has expanded to 29 colleges and universities across the nation, also known as member institutions, 21 of which are Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's). The SRESFS collaborates with the Department of Energy (Savannah River Operations Office), the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Forest Service to cultivate and initiate hands-on student training and internship opportunities at the Savannah River Site. SRESFS has also provided leadership for activities in emerging technologies and systems analysis, and has delivered new, innovative technologies to underserved and limited resource farmers, partners and ranchers.

"I am very grateful for this opportunity to showcase some of the more positive things that we are doing here at SC State," said Grant. "The SRESFS has a long standing relationship with the NRCS and its employees. Over the history of the SRESFS, NRCS has provided both financial and technical support for the program. We are grateful to have support for two new course offerings, soil science and agronomy," she continued.

For additional information about the SRESFS, contact Prof. Denise Grant at (803)536-8859.

## SC State University's Biological and Physical Sciences Department

### Host Annual Undergraduate Research Conference

by Antia Dawkins



SC State University's Biological and Physical Sciences Department recently held the annual LS-SCAMP Undergraduate Research Conference at Allen University in Columbia, S.C.

The theme for this year's conference was, "Embarking on the Pathway to Success: Energizing Minority Education through Research Collaborations."

The Louis Stokes South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation Program (LS-SCAMP) is one of the longest serving Science, Technology, Engineering and Mechanical (STEM) initiatives in the state of South Carolina. The LS-SCAMP Undergraduate Research Conference has successfully showcased the accomplishments and achievements of LS-SCAMP research interns over the past 12 years. The research abstracts published in this year's conference journal represent a broad range of innovative STEM projects that were conducted in academic, industrial, and national government laboratories.

Over 70 students majoring in STEM disciplining majors from the Alliance Institutions attended the event. The universities are Allen University, Columbia, S.C.; Benedict College, Columbia, S.C.; Claflin University, Orangeburg, S.C.; SC State University, Orangeburg, S.C.; Denmark Technical College, Denmark, S.C.; Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, Orangeburg, S.C.; Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.; University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.; Midlands Technical College, Columbia, S.C.; Voorhees College, Denmark, S.C.; Morris College, Sumter, S.C.; and the College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C. These institutions came together to present their summer research that they conducted at universities, government agencies and private industries throughout the country.

The mission of the LS-SCAMP Program includes designing strategies to remove the barriers that prevent full participation by minorities in STEM disciplines. It also focuses on strengthening undergraduate research education, with a vast emphasis on partnerships with local graduate research centers and national and federal laboratories to focus on increasing underrepresented STEM baccalaureate degree production, as well as to provide opportunities for students to improve their qualification and enhance their preparation for graduate studies in STEM fields.

"We were impressed with the quality of research that was conducted by the SCAMP participants this year. We would like to thank all of the research mentors who gave students the opportunity to conduct research in their laboratories for eight weeks," said Dr. Judith Salley, program manager of SCAMP. According to Salley, next year the mission will be to increase the number of participants. The LS-SCAMP Undergraduate Research Conference will be held at Claflin University in October 2010.

For additional information about the LS-SCAMP Program at SC State, contact Dr. Judith Salley at (803)536-8509.

Below is a list of the LS-SCAMP Program participants who placed in their STEM field:

#### Engineering and Physics I

Portavia Featherstone, first place; College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C.  
Samuel Foster, second place; University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.

#### Engineering and Physics II

Charmayne Smith, first place; Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.  
Demetrius Ray, second place; SC State University, Orangeburg, S.C.

#### Chemistry

Denita Pleasant, first place; Claflin University, Orangeburg, S.C.  
Njenga Stella, second place; Allen University, Columbia, S.C.

#### Mathematics and Computer Science

Brittany Johnson, first place; SC State University, Orangeburg, S.C.  
Darius Louallen and Cornelius Singleton, tied for second place;  
SC State University, Orangeburg, S.C.

#### Biological Sciences I,

Erica Flores, first place; College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C.  
Jessica Abercrombie, second place; Claflin University, Orangeburg, S.C.

#### Biological Sciences II

Rashelle Blake, first place; Voorhees College, Denmark, S.C.  
Robin Moss, second place; SC State University, Orangeburg, S.C.

#### Biological Sciences III

Tiffany Williams, first place; University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.  
Flora Simmons, second place; University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.

#### Poster Presentations

Brianne' Flemming, first place; Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.  
Anita Smalls, second place; Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.



## The I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium presents the new exhibit, “Twentieth Century Masters from the Cochran Collection”

by Ellen Zisholtz

The I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium (The Stanback) is excited to present “Twentieth Century Masters from the Cochran Collection,” an exhibition of the works of some of the most interesting and exciting artists of the Twentieth Century. This amazing collection includes works on paper by internationally renowned artists including Jacob Lawrence, Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, Romare Bearden, Marc Chagall, Salvador Dali, James Rosenquist, Alexander Calder, Elizabeth Catlett, Jim Dine, Jasper Johns, Joan Miro, Willem De Kooning, George Segal, Helen Frankenthaler, Louise Nevelson, Robert Rauchenberg, Camille Billops, John Biggers, Mildred Thompson and many others. This is the first time that The Cochran Collection is being exhibited in all of its diversity, without ethnic differentiation.

“Twentieth Century Masters from the Cochran Collection” will be exhibited from February 19, 2010 through July 1, 2010. The opening reception will be on Friday, February 19, beginning at 5:30 pm. This continues in the SC State tradition of opening exhibitions on Founders’ Day Weekend.

Mildred Thompson, artist and former assistant editor of Art Papers, in her description of the Collection, wrote: “these works are a profound documentation of the 20th Century’s social and cultural scene. The selections chosen for The Cochran Collection are reflections of the last half of the last century and manage to point toward what we might expect in and from the art world in this millennium. The pop, African-American, abstract, representational, realist, non-representational and female artists in “The Cochran Collection” portray overall attitudes, definitions, divisions and directions. These are some of the factors making “The Cochran Collection” one of the most significant private art collections in the United States today.”

Wes and Missy Cochran are Friends of The Stanback, and Wes will serve on the newly forming Stanback Advisory Board. They are devoted art collectors with a passion for art rivaling any artist or collector. Wes learned about art from his avid art collector uncle William May, referred to by Wes as “Sir William.” Wes is a stone mason by trade, and Missy is a retired school teacher. They reside in La Grange, Georgia, where they opened an art gallery, assist with the La Grange Museum and continue to purchase art with all of their resources. Their friendship and support has enabled The Stanback to produce an exhibition of rare and extraordinary quality, usually seen only in major museums in large cities.



Artist Jacob Lawrence’s works are featured in the exhibit, “Twentieth Century Masters from the Cochran Collection.”



James Rosenquist’s works are featured in the I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium’s exhibit, “Twentieth Century Masters from the Cochran Collection.”

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the professor. “Randolph and Son is very proud of this project and honored to have been allowed to build it. We have enjoyed our time on campus, and can honestly say that the level of professionalism and spirit of cooperation by all has been exemplary,” says Dickinson. According to Dickinson, once completed, the new Hodge Hall Expansion will be very attractive.

John Smalls, senior vice president for Finance, Facilities, and Management Information Systems, echoes that sentiment. “It’s a state-of-the art facility,” states Smalls. “It’s modern with very modernized features,” he continues.

The idea, which dates back 12 years, seemed to be just a mere conception at the time. Insufficient funds curtailed the effort until now. “Twelve years ago, the state of South Carolina gave SC State \$10 million to construct Hodge Hall,” states Smalls. “Plans were drawn, but the \$10 million wasn’t sufficient, so for years it was placed on

hold pending additional monies to be provided for the project,” he states.

In 2006, the Board of Trustees approved a student tuition bond bill that provided the extra money necessary to begin construction on this 52,000 square foot building that will also include an office tower, research space, two auditoriums and three conference rooms. The process began in 2007 with a construction cost of \$17.5 million.

Although there will not be a greenhouse as the University originally planned, Dr. Judith Salley, chairperson for the Department of Biology and Physical Sciences, is pleased with the outcome. “It took a lot of perseverance, hard work and dedication for this annex to be constructed,” says Salley. “It has been very challenging, but I’m glad that we are now able to see our vision come alive.”



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## SC State’s Pough Named Palmetto Coach of the Year; 5 Bulldogs Make All-State Team



South Carolina State head football coach Buddy Pough has been named the 2009 Palmetto State College Coach of the Year, and five Bulldogs earned a spot on the All-State team as selected by The (Columbia, SC) State newspaper.

Pough guided SC State to a 10-2 overall record -- 8-0 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference – its second straight MEAC title and back-to-back appearances in the FCS playoffs.

Bulldogs named to the All-State team were running back Will Ford, wide receiver and return specialist Tre’ Young, offensive lineman Johnny Culbreath, linebacker David Erby and defensive back Phillip Adams. Ford, Young and Adams are all departing seniors; Erby and Culbreath are juniors.

This announcement was the second major accolade bestowed on SC State. SC State was also declared the 2009 National Black Champion by the Sheridan Broadcasting Network.

Pough called these honors from The State, the largest daily in South Carolina, tremendous. “It is just a tremendous honor for me, as well as for our players,” he said; “however, it’s more of an honor for our program, our institution, than for me particularly.

We’ve had some good years here,” Pough continued, “and the honors we have reaped over the last few days are somewhat of a testimony that we have continued to improve as a program. It

also means that we have been somewhat successful in what we are trying to do, and a lot of people share in that success.”

Clemson’s C.J. Spiller, who joined Ford at running back on the All-State squad, was named Offensive Player of the Year, while South Carolina linebacker Eric Norwood took Defensive Player of the Year accolades.

SC State led the team with five selections, while Clemson and USC had four each. The Citadel, Benedict, Furman, Newberry, Wofford, Coastal Carolina and Charleston Southern all placed two players on the squad, and North Greenville and Presbyterian one each.



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